

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 10, as follows:

In the apparatus according to the present invention, a ratio (A:B) of an ion concentration (A) of the permeated water supplied to the final-stage module and an ion concentration (B) of the permeated water that is not supplied to the final-stage module is preferably in a range of 2 : 1 to 10 : 1 ~~1 : 2 to 1 : 10~~, and more preferably 3 : 1 to 8 : 1 ~~3 to 1 : 10~~. In this case, a concentration of total dissolved solids (TDS) in the raw water supplied to the apparatus is preferably at least 1wt% and the raw water supplied to the apparatus is preferably seawater. When the raw water supplied to the apparatus is seawater, a concentration of boron in permeated water discharged from or recovered in the apparatus is preferably 1mg/l or less, which also applies to the case where the mixed permeated water is discharged from or recovered in the apparatus.